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SUBJECT: DRAFT NOTIFICATION LETTER

1. DR. ELEANOR HADLEY, GAO WASHINGTON, SENDS FOLLOWING
DRAFT NOTIFICATION LETTER: QUOTE THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNT-

ING OFFICE IS INITIATING A REVIEW IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES OF
PROGRAMS TO HELP WORKERS AND FIRMS ADAPT TO CHANGING
PATTERNS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE. THIS REVIEW IS ONE OF
SEVERAL BEING DONE BY GAO UNDER SECTION 280 OF THE TRADE
ACT OF 1974 WHICH DIRECTS US TO REVIEW ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

PROGRAMS AND TO REPORT TO THE CONGRESS BY 1980 ON HOW
EFFECTIVELY THE PROGRAMS ARE HELPING WORKERS, FIRMS, AND
COMMUNITIES.

PARA THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS SPECIFIC REVIEW IS TO GAIN A
BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE APPROACHES USED BY SELECTED
INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES IN THESE PROGRAMS. THIS INFORMATION
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WILL SUPPLEMENT OUR ANALYSIS OF THE U.S. PROGRAMS AND
ASSIST US IN OUR ASSESSMENT OF ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR
THE CONGRESS.

PARA OUR ASSIGNMENT IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR PHASES: (1) BASIC
RESEARCH WORK IN WASHINGTON AND DISCUSSIONS WITH PERTINENT
EMBASSY OFFICIALS; (2) A PILOT TEST OF OUR REVIEW IN

CANADA; (3) DETAILED REVIEWS IN APPROXIMATELY SIX OTHER COUNTRIES IN EUROPE AND THE FAR EAST TO BE SELECTED LATER; AND (4) DEVELOPMENT OF A REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.

PARA THE FIRST PART OF THIS EFFORT INVOLVING CANADA HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY STAFF FROM OUR DETROIT REGIONAL OFFICE AND WE ARE NOW EXTENDING OUR ANALYSIS TO SIX ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES: GERMANY, SWEDEN, ENGLAND, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA, AND JAPAN. WE ALSO WILL BE DOING WORK AT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS.

PARA THE WORK IN EUROPE WILL BE DONE BY STAFF FROM OUR EUROPEAN BRANCH. OUR FAR EAST BRANCH WILL PERFORM THE REVIEWS IN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN. THE STAFF PLANS TO BEGIN WORK IN GERMANY, SWEDEN, AND AUSTRALIA THE WEEK OF JUNE 6. WE PLAN TO SPEND ABOUT 3 TO 4 WEEKS IN EACH COUNTRY. WORK IN THE OTHER THREE COUNTRIES IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THE FIRST PART OF JULY.

PARA IN OUR REVIEW, WE WILL FOCUS ON OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM KNOWLEDGEABLE GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS OFFICIALS AND ACADEMICIANS ON SUCH MATTERS AS:

--THE BASIC APPROACH TO ASSISTING FIRMS AND WORKERS ADJUST TO CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE;

--PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING SPECIFIC FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE;

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--TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED AND THE REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE;

--EFFECTIVENESS OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN TERMS OF IMPACT ON AFFECTED INDUSTRIES AND THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY IN GENERAL.

PARA WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE ASSISTANCE OF YOUR STAFF IN ARRANGING MEETINGS FOR OUR AUDIT TEAM WITH GERMAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. TO HELP IN ARRANGING THESE MEETINGS WE ARE ENCLOSING A LIST OF POTENTIAL CONTACTS IDENTIFIED DURING OUR RESEARCH WORK.

2. POSSIBLE CONTACT POINTS IN GERMANY AND SWEDEN:

A. GERMANY

MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR OVERALL ECONOMIC

POLICY SETTING ;

MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FOR TRADE AND STRUCTURAL
POLICY SETTING;

MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS FOR ADVANCED
WARNING OF LAYOFFS AND EMPLOYMENT NEEDS;

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT INSTITUTIONS (SERVICE) FOR TRAINING,
PLACEMENT AND COUNSELLING AND PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE BENEFITS;

INSTITUTE OF EMPLOYMENT RESEARCH IN ERLANGEN FOR EVALUAT-
ING EFFECTIVENESS OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS;

EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND (KREDITONSTALT)
FUR WIEDERAUFBAU) FOR LOANS TO INDUSTRY TO DIVERSIFY
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B. SWEDEN

MINISTRY OF LABOR FOR ADVANCED WARNING OF LAYOFFS AND
EMPLOYMENT NEEDS;

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY FOR INDUSTRY LOANS;

SWEDISH INVESTMENT BANK FOR INDUSTRY LOANS AND GUARAN-
TEES;

NATIONAL LABOR MARKET BOARD AND NATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCA-
TION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF RETRAINING AND VOCATIONAL
COUNSELLING;

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, MANPOWER BOARD FOR MANPOWER PROGRAMS.
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